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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)--RESOLUTION ON
CSCE

REF: (A) STATE 044626; (B) TELECONS VREELAND/GARMENT
FEBRUARY 25

1. ON BASIS REFTEL A INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY OBTAINED
ASSURANCE LATE FEBRUARY 25 FROM QUAI UN DIRECTOR ST.
LEGIER THAT GOF WILL VOTE AGAINST YUGOSLAV/CUBA RESOLU-
TION ON CSCE IN UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. POLCOUNS HAD SPOKEN TO QUAI CSCE AFFAIRS OFFICER
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BEAUCHATEAU, WHO AGREED WITH US FROM HELSINKI VIEWPOINT

AND PROMISED TO RECOMMEND AGAINST SOVIET AND YUGOSLAV/CUBAN DRAFTS. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS WAS ONLY ADVISORY OPINION SINCE UN DIRECTORATE HAD ACTION RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN QUAI.

3. SEPARATELY, IN OUR FIRST CONVERSATION WITH ST. LEGIER, WE HAD CAREFULLY REHEARSED ALL POINTS IN REFTEL A PARA 2. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DEPARTMENT'S ORIGINAL DRAFT RESOLUTION HAD BEEN MODIFIED IN ORDER TO GAIN COSPONSORSHIP, INTER ALIA, OF GOF. WE ARGUED THAT, AS COSPONSOR OF WESTERN DRAFT RESOLUTION, GOF HAD RESPONSIBILITY TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION WHICH OVERTURNS WHAT WAS ACHIEVED IN CSCE. FINALLY, WE REMINDED HIM THAT CSCE FINAL ACT WAS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED PERSONALLY BY CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENTS ATTENDING HELSINKI MEETING. ST. LEGIER HAD COMMENTED THAT OUR DEMARCHE WAS "IMPRESSIVE."

4. WHEN HE LATER INFORMED US OF QUAI'S POSITIVE DECISION, ST. LEGIER ADDED THAT ANOTHER OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE OF YUGOSLAV/CUBA DRAFT WAS ITS ANTICOLONIAL PROVISIONS.

5. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER IT SIGNIFICANT THAT GOF HAS DECIDED AGAINST ADVICE OF ITS DELEGATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THIS IS RARE EXCEPTION TO FRENCH TRADITION OF REGISTERING OPPOSITION BY ABSTENTIONS, AND RESERVING NEGATIVE VOTES FOR MATTERS AFFECTING WHAT IT CONSIDERS ITS NATIONAL SECURITY. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE THAT GOF WILL VOTE AGAINST "NON-ALIGNED" RESOLUTION, WHEN MAJOR GOF OBJECTIVE IN MULTILATERAL FORA APPEARS TO BE BUILDING THIRD WORLD IMAGE. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL FIND SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK GOF FOR ALIGNING ITS POSITION WITH US IN THIS INSTANCE.

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